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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

"AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS OTHER THAN THE GENERAL FUND."

1 Strike sections 2 and 3 in their entirety and substitute the following
2 in lieu thereof:

3 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than October
4 fifteenth annually, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
5 Management and the director of the legislative Office of Fiscal
6 Analysis shall issue a consensus revenue estimate for the current
7 biennium and the next ensuing three fiscal years. If no agreement on a
8 revenue estimate is reached by October fifteenth, the joint standing
9 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
10 relating to finance, revenue and bonding shall, not later than October
11 twenty-fifth, meet to consider and vote on an estimate of state
12 revenues for the current biennium and the next ensuing three fiscal
13 years. In voting on the estimate required by this subsection, said
14 committee shall consider the revenue estimates provided by the Office

15 of Policy and Management and the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis,
16 and such vote shall be based on such revenue estimates, in an amount
17 that is equal to or between such revenue estimates.

18 (b) Not later than January fifteenth annually, April thirtieth
19 annually and July fifteenth annually, the Secretary of the Office of
20 Policy and Management and the director of the legislative Office of
21 Fiscal Analysis shall issue revisions to the consensus revenue estimate
22 developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, or a statement that
23 no revisions are necessary. If no agreement on revisions to such
24 revenue estimate is reached by the required date, the joint standing
25 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
26 relating to finance, revenue and bonding shall, not later than five days
27 after the failure to issue such revisions, meet to consider and vote on a
28 revised estimate of state revenues. In voting on the estimate required
29 by this subsection, said committee shall consider the revised revenue
30 estimates provided by the Office of Policy and Management and the
31 legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis, and such vote shall be based on
32 such revised revenue estimates, in an amount that is between such
33 revised revenue estimates.

34 (c) If (1) a revised consensus revenue estimate pursuant to
35 subsection (b) of this section is issued in January, April or July of any
36 fiscal year, (2) such revised consensus revenue estimate has changed
37 from the previous consensus revenue estimate to forecast a deficit or
38 an increase in a deficit greater than one per cent of the total of General
39 Fund appropriations for the current year, (3) a budget for the
40 prospective fiscal year has not been approved by the General
41 Assembly and signed by the Governor, and (4) the General Assembly
42 is in session, then the General Assembly and the Governor shall take
43 such action as provided in subsection (d) of this section.

44 (d) (1) The joint standing committees of the General Assembly
45 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and finance,
46 revenue and bonding shall, if the deadlines for favorable reports for
47 said committees are on or before the tenth business day after a revised

48 consensus revenue estimate is issued pursuant to subsection (c) of this
49 section, prepare and vote on appropriation and revenue bills, if
50 necessary to conform to such revised estimate.

51 (2) The Governor shall provide the General Assembly with a budget
52 document, prepared in accordance with the requirements of chapter 50
53 of the general statutes, if necessary to conform to a revised consensus
54 revenue estimate issued pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. The
55 budget document required by this subdivision shall be issued not later
56 than twenty-five calendar days after a revised consensus revenue
57 estimate is issued in January, and not later than ten calendar days after
58 a revised consensus revenue estimate is issued in April or July.

59 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than five days after the
60 effective date of this section, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
61 Management and the director of the legislative Office of Fiscal
62 Analysis shall issue a consensus revenue estimate for the biennium
63 beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. If no agreement on a
64 revenue estimate can be reached by such fifth day, the joint standing
65 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
66 relating to finance, revenue and bonding shall, immediately thereafter,
67 meet to consider and vote on an estimate of state revenues for the
68 biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. In voting
69 on the estimate required by this subsection, said committee shall
70 consider the revenue estimates issued by the Office of Policy and
71 Management and the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis, and such
72 vote shall be based on such revenue estimates in an amount equal to or
73 between such revenue estimates.

74 (b) Not later than ten days after the effective date of this section, the
75 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
76 of matters relating to appropriations and finance, revenue and
77 bonding, shall prepare and vote on appropriation and revenue bills, if
78 necessary to conform to the consensus revenue estimate prepared
79 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and the Governor shall
80 provide a budget document, prepared in accordance with the

81 requirements of chapter 50 of the general statutes, if necessary to
82 conform to such consensus revenue estimate."